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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	<b>Local and Transit Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modifies, adds or deletes various projects in Santa Barbara County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the National Highway System (NHS), Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSPPP), Transportation Development Act (TDA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Program. See enclosure.</li></ul>

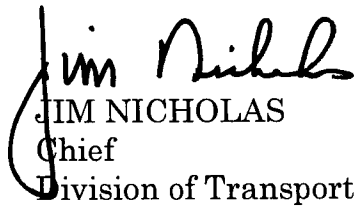
I recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 8 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming has been found by SBCAG not to require a conformity analysis because the projects included in this amendment have either been included in the most recent regional emission analysis with no significant changes to the design concept, scope or implementation schedule, or are exempt from conformity determination requirements. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SBCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jim Kemp - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
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- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans